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(*b*) whether any proposals were received from the District Board for a fresh delimitation of the district board constituencies;

(*c*) on what date the proposals, if any, from the District Board were received;

(*d*) on what principles the Board's delimitation proposals were based, and whether Government will kindly place the papers on the table of the House; and

(*e*) what orders were issued by the Government on the proposals of the Board, and when they were issued?

A.—(*a*) The notification was published in Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th November 1935. According to this notification, the term of the existing members of the South Arcot District Board expires on the noon of 31st December 1935.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposals were received by the Government on 24th July 1935.

(*d*) Attention is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 555. The Government are not prepared to place the papers on the table.

(*e*) The proposals were approved by the Government in G.O. No. 3680, L. & M., dated 10th September 1935, with a few modifications.

Reasons for the decision of the Government per contra *to the resolutions of the South Kanara District Board.*

* 558 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the resolutions of the South Kanara District Board passed at the special meeting held last month (as desired by the Government) in regard to the proposals of the Inspector of Local Boards have been accepted; and

(*b*) if not, what reasons weighed with the Government in coming to a decision contrary to the resolutions of the board?

A.—(*a*) The suggestion of the South Kanara District Board regarding the splitting of the old Kasaragod circle was accepted.

(*b*) The Government are not prepared to give the reasons for not accepting the other suggestions made by the district board.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that Government declined in the first instance to accept any of the proposals of the board regarding the regrouping of the circles? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" When a proposal has been made by the Inspector and after further representations are received, the Government consider the proposal and if it is desirable, they confirm it."

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know why the Government are not prepared to give the reasons for not accepting the recommendations of the district board? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" The Government considered that the Inspector's proposal was sound."

Re-shuffling of the elctoral circles of the South Kanara District Board.

* 559 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the circles of the South Kanara District Board have been re-shuffled now;

(*b*) what the reasons are for the re-shuffling;

(*c*) whether the district board was consulted in the matter; and

(*d*) what opinion did they express and whether a copy of their resolution in the matter will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Five of the old circles were split into two new circles each.

(*b*) The old circles referred to were allotted two non-reserved seats each, which was against the general policy of Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The district board stated that it had no sufficient time to consider the proposals. The Government are not prepared to place a copy of the resolution on the table of the Council.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" In answer to clause (*b*), the Government say that ' the old circles referred to were allotted two non-reserved seats each, which was against the general policy of Government.' May I ask whether this general policy was not taken into consideration at the time when the circles were originally formed during the elections of 1932? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" This question was then considered; but the final proposals were received by the Government too late to be given effect to in the last elections."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know what the general policy is that the Government have been following with regard to the reservation of seats? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I am afraid this question does not really deal with reservation of seats. It refers to the splitting up of the old circles. The general policy of the Government is that there should be single-seat constituencies as far as the general seats are concerned. In this case, there were dual-member constituencies."